

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending her daughter's graduation.

Mr. QUINN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SKELTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SKELTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KIND.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. HOYER.

Ms. RIVERS.

Mr. BAESLER.

Mr. PASCRELL.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. ORTIZ.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mr. LEVIN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOLEY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COLLINS.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

Mr. ADERHOLT.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. LIVINGSTON.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOOLITTLE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

Ms. DUNN.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mr. SMITH of Texas.

Mr. LATOURETTE.

Mrs. CUBIN.

Mr. UPTON.

Mr. DELAY.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mrs. LOWEY.

Mr. GUTIERREZ.

Mr. SKEEN.

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mrs. MYRICK.

Mr. NUSSLE.

Mr. HILLIARD.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

(The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 18, 1998, at 12 noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9154. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Simplification of Deposit Insurance Rules (RIN: 3064-AB73) received May 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9155. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Georgia [GA-37-9811a; FRL-6003-8] received May 12, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9156. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 11-98 which constitutes a Request for Final Authority for a Supplement Four to the Memorandum of Understanding among the Governments of France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom and the United States for the Medium Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9157. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-67-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9158. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-68-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9159. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,

transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Greece (Transmittal No. DTC-45-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9160. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Singapore (Transmittal No. DTC-65-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9161. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Singapore (Transmittal No. DTC-64-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9162. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC-55-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9163. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Turkey (Transmittal No. DTC-52-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9164. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9165. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Reduction In Force And Mandatory Exceptions (RIN: 3206-AH64) received May 13, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9166. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for the calendar year 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9167. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "International Anti-Bribery Act of 1998"; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Commerce, and International Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 435. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-535). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 436. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res.

432) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege, and for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 433) calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations (Rept. 105-536). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TALENT, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. DELAY, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BONILLA, Ms. FURSE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. RYUN, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. WATKINS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. DREIER, Mr. CALVERT, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 3865. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the designation of renewal communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHUSTER (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. BORSKI) (all by request):

H.R. 3866. A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BAESLER:

H.R. 3867. A bill to provide long-term economic assistance to tobacco farmers and workers and to communities dependent on tobacco production using funds contributed by tobacco product manufacturers and importers; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HANSEN (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. COOK, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. CANNON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. HORN, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FORD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr.

KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. LAFALCE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VISLOSKY, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. McHALE, Mr. YATES, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. FURSE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MINGE, Mr. VENTO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. STARK, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. HINCHAY, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. FILLNER, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BORSKI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. COYNE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. DICKS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. STOKES):

H.R. 3868. A bill to prevent children from using tobacco products, to reduce the health costs attributable to tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself and Mr. BORSKI):

H.R. 3869. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BRADY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HILL, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. TALENT, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina):

H.R. 3870. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional retirement savings opportunities for small employers, including self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself and Mr. RIGGS):

H.R. 3871. A bill to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance during the summer months; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself and Mr. RIGGS):

H.R. 3872. A bill to amend the National School Lunch Act to extend the authority of the commodity distribution program through fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself and Mr. RIGGS):

H.R. 3873. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to simplify program operations and improve program management under that Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself and Mr. RIGGS):

H.R. 3874. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. FARR of California, and Ms. HARMAN):

H.R. 3875. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to cease mineral leasing activity on submerged land of the Outer Continental Shelf that is adjacent to a coastal State that has declared a moratorium on such activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WISE, Mr. SAWYER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FORD, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. PASTOR, Ms. CARSON, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. WYNN, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. KIND of Wisconsin, Mr. STARK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. OBEY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. OWENS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. TORRES, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. POMEROY, and Mr. HOYER):

H.R. 3876. A bill to reduce class size; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COLLINS (for himself and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H.R. 3877. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the production and use of electric vehicles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CUBIN:

H.R. 3878. A bill to subject certain reserved mineral interests of the operation of the Mineral Leasing Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. DUNN of Washington (for herself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. COX of California, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. WELLER, Mr. CAMP, and Mrs. THURMAN):

H.R. 3879. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

H.R. 3880. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 to carry out the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. HORN, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 3881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the Lifetime Learning Credit for tuition expenses for continuing education for secondary teachers in their fields of teaching; to the Committee on Ways and Means.